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WASHINGTON, July 6, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 30 totaled 332,746, up 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 3.6 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 6.7 percent in the East and 1.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 17,565 cars (18.1 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,365 cars (13.6 percent), and chemical loadings were up 1,696 cars (6.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 26 weeks of 1990 totaled 8,840,570, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,103 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 30, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of 1990 was 3,032,544 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 30 totaled 19.6 billion, up 7.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 521.4 billion ton-miles, up 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,370	28,603	2.7 %	26,543	10.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,954	1,639	19.2	1,906	2.5
Metallic Ores	19,102	23,650	-19.2	19,994	-4.5
Coal	114,380	96,815	18.1	128,145	-10.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,731	17,110	3.6	17,447	1.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,209	10,216	-9.9	9,941	-7.4
Grain Mill Products	10,120	10,034	.9	9,715	4.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,402	8,526	-1.5	8,269	1.6
Primary Forest Products	10,284	10,636	-3.3	10,011	2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	7,095	8,029	-11.6	6,673	6.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,036	11,453	-3.6	10,630	3.8
Chemicals	28,487	26,791	6.3	27,455	3.8
Petroleum Products	5,123	5,468	-6.3	4,760	7.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,031	10,735	-6.6	10,414	-3.7
Coke	5,415	5,393	.4	5,630	-3.8
Metals & Products	9,908	10,344	-4.2	9,720	1.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,764	17,399	13.6	21,847	-9.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,713	8,658	.6	8,934	-2.5
All Other Carloads	6,622	7,868	-15.8	7,043	-6.0
Total	**332,746**	**319,367**	**4.2 %**	**345,077**	**-3.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 26 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 30, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**332,746**	**319,367**	**4.2 %**	**8,840,570**	**8,783,151**	**.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	70,865	70,588	.4	1,712,655	1,714,753	-.1
Containers	52,238	47,809	9.3	1,319,889	1,215,587	8.6
Total	**123,103**	**118,397**	**4.0**	**3,032,544**	**2,930,340**	**3.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.6**	**18.2**	**7.7 %**	**521.4**	**503.7**	**3.5 %**